

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4206**

April 26, 2023

The Honorable John Drake  
Chief  
Metropolitan Nashville Police Department  
Police Department Headquarters  
600 Murfreesboro Pk.  
Nashville, TN 37210

Dear Chief Drake,

More than four weeks have passed since the heinous shooting at The Covenant School in Nashville, yet countless mothers and fathers I represent are still awaiting answers. I'm reaching out on their behalf, as they deserve to know the facts surrounding their loss.

Reports show investigators seized 20 journals, five laptops, and other written materials at the shooter's home. The information contained in that material remains under lock and key. While I appreciate the need for due diligence, I feel transparency is essential for those still grieving and for the many parents and school officials wanting details about the events preceding the carnage. Furthermore, any discussions of changing state or federal policy are futile without having an accurate account of the shooter's state of mind, motives, preparation, and planning.

I am requesting that this material be released without delay, or at the very least, a written explanation and timeline be provided as to when this information is to be released. I appreciate your attention to this matter of immense public interest.

Sincerely,



John Rose  
Member of Congress